

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response, with a one month extension, set to expire on September 14, 2010. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 19-55 are pending in the application. Claims 29-30 and 50-51 have been canceled. Thus, claims 19-28, 31-49, and 52-55 remain pending following entry of this response.

Applicants submit that amendments presented herein do not introduce new matter.

Further, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those amended claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these pre-amended claims and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Double Patenting

Claims 19-55 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21, 25-33, 37-45 of co-pending application No. 11/932,703.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, thus obviating this rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 24-25, 29-30, 37-38, 46-47, and 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Atarashi et al.* (US 7,072,381 B2).

Claims 24-26, 29-30, 37-39, 46-48, and 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Schramm* (US 7,187,646 B2).

Claims 29-30 and 50-51 have been canceled.

Independent claims 24, 37, and 46 have been amended to include limitations of claims 27, 40, and 49, respectively, that are indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form. Thus, Applicants submit these claims, as well as their dependents are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19-23, 28, 31-36, 41-45, 52-53 are allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 54-55 also depend from allowed claim 28 and should also be allowed.

Claims 27, 40 and 49 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As noted above, independent claims 24, 37, and 46 have been amended to include the features of claims 27, 40, and 49, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit these claims are allowable and request withdrawal of this objection.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.4

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